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A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 1, 1907.



MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
WARNING.

THE European Residents of the Colony
are advised to avoid China-towns during
the forthcoming China New Year Festival.
UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN RE-
CENTLY VACCINATED, owing to pre-
valence of Small-pox among the Chinese
Community.

J. M. ATKINSON,
P.C.M.O.
Hongkong, January 29, 1908.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notifi-
cation No. 41 the EXCHANGE BANK'S
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of
Public Business on MONDAY, the 3rd
proximo.

Hongkong, January 28, 1908.

NOTICE.

BY kind permission of Lieut.-Col. N. S.
Rae and Officers 2nd (Queen's
Own) Cameron Highlanders, the band of
the Regiment will play selections at the
ORIENTAL HOTEL, 2, Queen's Road
Central, during Dinner on MONDAY next,
the 3rd February.

C. FRERICH, Manager.
Hongkong, January 28, 1908.

NOTICE.

INSURANCE. F. ALLEN will not hold himself
responsible for any Debts incurred by
his wife, AUGUST ALLEN, from or
hereafter this date.

F. ALLEN,
14, Queen's Rd. Central, Top Floor.
Hongkong, January 28, 1908.

NOTICE.

C. KWONG WO of 25, Pottinger Street
Central, Hongkong, having accepted the
Tenancy of the Canteen of H.M.S.
KENT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
to all Traders and others concerned that
the Commanding Officer and Ship's Com-
pany of H.M.S. KENT do not hold them-
selves responsible for any Debts contracted
by the said C. KWONG WO.

GERALD O. A. MARASCAUX,
H.M.S. Kent.
Hongkong, January 28, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
HENRIH CONSTANTIN
EDUARD MEYER in our Firm ceased by
mutual consent on the 31st December,
1907.

MEYER & CO.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & CANTON.
January 24, 1908.

WANTED.

AN EUROPEAN OFFICE ASSIST-
ANT; must be good Typist and with
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letter to

"ASBESTOS,"
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.
Hongkong, January 28, 1908.

SITUATION WANTED.

AN ENGLISH NURSE or NURSERY
GOVERNESS now at Outpost dis-
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Hongkong, January 27, 1908.

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Apply to

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Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.
Hongkong, January 2, 1908.

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Business Notices.

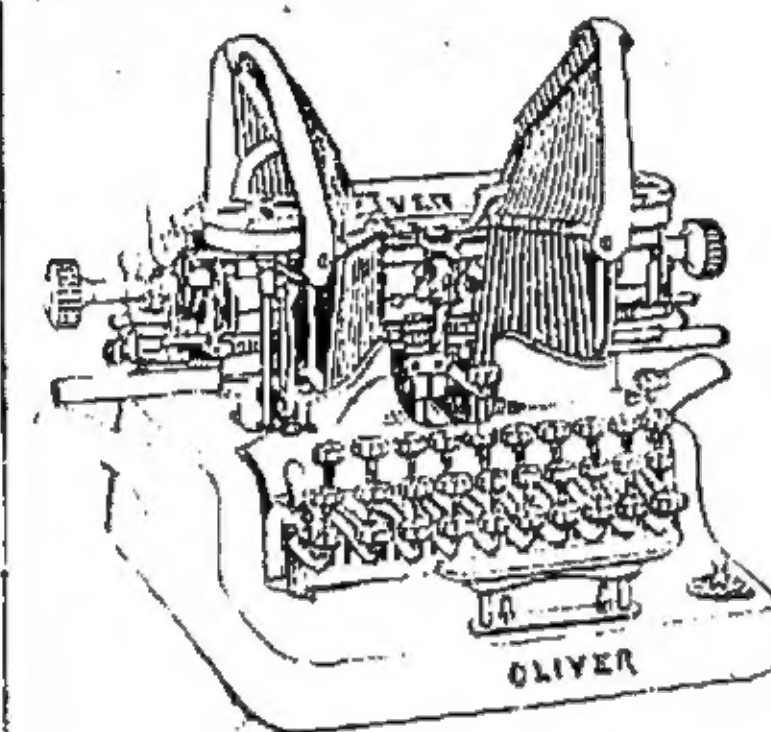
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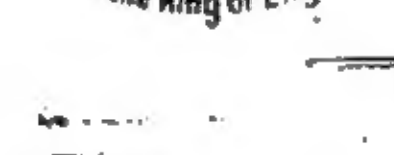
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Hongkong, December 12, 1907.

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Shewan, Tomes & Co.

GENERAL AGENTS

FOR

HONG KONG, CANTON

& MACAO

Hongkong, January 27, 1908.

SCOTTISH MASONIC QUADRILLE

ASSOCIATION.

A REGALIA DANCE will be held in
the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the
7th February. Dispensation to wear
Rozalia for English and Scotch Masons
has been received from the District Grand
Masters. No Invitations to this Dance will
be issued after the 5th day of February.
A Launch will leave the Star Ferry
Wharf at 3 A.M. to convey Kowloon re-
sidents back.

JOHN J. BLAKE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 22, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE POST of COMPRADORE to the
above CLUB becomes VACANT on
the 31st March, 1908. Applications to
fill the same will be received by the Under-
signed up to the 31st January, 1908.

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 8, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the
Undersigned up to the 29th February,
1908, for the Post of ACTING SECRE-
TARY to the above Club for Twelve Months
from the 1st April, 1908 to the 1st April,
1909, with the prospect of a permanent
appointment as Secretary.

Applicants should be unmarried as resi-
dence on the Club Premises is essential.
By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 27, 1908.

M. C. O. TURKISH CIGARETTES.

THE BEST on the MARKET.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

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Comfortable Steamers—Delightful Climate.
THE most interesting and picturesque
scenery in South China.

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Hongkong, October 25, 1907.

PIGEON SHOW.

UNDER the Auspices of the Kowloon
Pigeon Club, An
EXHIBITION OF FANCY PIGEONS
will be held at the
KOWLOON HOTEL,
On FEBRUARY 3 and 4.

Any person wishing to exhibit Birds will
be accommodated with a table but he must
bring his own pans. A reserve price will
be placed on birds.

ADMISSION FREE.
By the kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel
M. S. Rinch and Officers of the 2nd
(Queen's Own) Cameron Highlanders, the
band will play on February 4 from 4 p.m.
to 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING
CAR & EXPRESS TRAINS
COMPANY.

(THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN
ROUTE TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for
the above Company, we shall be
pleased to give any information as to rates
of passage, etc., in connection with above.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, August 7, 1907.

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THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4394
for Twenty-five Shares numbered
78051 to 78075 inclusive fully paid-up,
standing in the Register in the name of
PEDRO NOLASCO DA SILVA of Macao,
having been LOST or destroyed, Notice is
hereby given that unless the said certificate
be produced at the Office of the Company,
Alexander, Buildings, Des Voeux Road
Central, Hongkong, on or before the 24th
February, 1908, a New Certificate for the
said Shares will be issued and the Old Cer-
tificate will thereafter be held by the Com-
pany as null and void.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

Business Notices.

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SUPPLY STORE at BRACKENFIELD ARCADE, opposite the City Hall, owing to the
demolition of the building the Company's Store in the Hongkong Hotel corridor is closed.
All Kind of Photographic Goods, and views of the Colony are on Sale. Developing
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MEE CHEUNG,

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Hongkong, April 2, 1907.

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Our Prices are marked in plain figures.

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Ida Kramer... 1.75

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Society, Sin and the Saviour, by
Father Vaughan... 1.75

The Postage Miles System of Physi-
cal Culture, with Hints as to Diet,
by E. Miles... 2.25

Bridge Catechism, by R. H. Dryden... 2.25

The Standard Course of Esperanto,
with Key... .80

Aphorisms and Reflections, by Prof.
T. H. Huxley... 2.25

Weights and Measures of Interna-
tional Commerce, by Hatch and
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Journey Across Two Continents
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The Philosophical Basis of Religion,
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DISTRICT, including Hongkong
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Chinese... 5.00

THE IMPERIAL ANGLICAN CHINESE
DIARY, 1908... 1.50

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MANUAL... 2.50

Who's Who... 5.00
Whisker's Almanack... 70c
The Winning Post Winter Annual... .70
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Annual... .80
The Daily Mail Year Book... .40
Windsor, Strand and Pearson's Xmas
Numbers, Each... .70

Strategy Illustrated by British Cam-
paigns, by Capt. Macquoid... \$9.00
Practical Calculations for Engineers,
by Leland and Golding... 5.25
Romantic Stories of Famous Families
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Putnam Wells... 5.00
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FIRST-CLASS BOARDING HOUSE.
 Room for one per day, \$5.00.
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BOTH Hotels Electrically Lighted and under Experienced European Management.
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Hongkong, November 30, 1907.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.
 Noon—Meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered Offices.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, February 3.—
 Exchange Bankers' Club.
 Registrar of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation close from this date to 16th February, inclusive.
 Goods per Socatra not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 4.—
 6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's Cathedral.

FRIDAY, February 7.—
 Regatta Races at City Hall.

MONDAY, February 10.—
 Transfer of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation close from this date to 24th Feb., inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 15.—
 Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

MONDAY, February 24.—
 Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

Orders for extra copies of the "CHINA MAIL" should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day after publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts., Credit 20 cts., per copy.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7, should be sent to our Office at 5 Wyndham Street not later than 11 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent to our Office at 8, Queen's Road Central before 3 p.m.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Telegraphic Address: Mail, Hongkong. Telephone No. 22.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1908.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

The report presented to the members of the local branch of the China Association at this afternoon's meeting, states that the questions which occupied the attention of the Committee in 1907 were not so momentous as those dealt with last year. On this point there is room for a difference of opinion. The West River trouble and the endeavour by the Nanking Viceroy to establish a monopoly in opium are questions of more than passing importance. Since the report was sent to the printer the British flotilla has been withdrawn and consequently the portion of the report dealing with this matter is to some extent out of date. Nonetheless we agree with the Committee that the delay of the Chinese officials in dealing with the compensation claims was directly due to the "lenient view" taken by the British Foreign Office. The belated energy shown by the despatch of the flotilla at a time when no extraordinary occasion seemed to warrant its despatch then more than at any other time, has in all probability, convinced the Chinese that the British Government is irresolute and vacillating. Also the recent withdrawal of the flotilla will, in all likelihood, be taken as a tribute to the power of the agitators who objected to its presence in Chinese waters on "patriotic" grounds. The China Association is well advised in pressing upon the British Government the opinion of the men on the spot in regard to these questions which are perpetually arising between it and China. There are those who profess to see in the Association nothing but a band of busybodies who are constantly interfering with other people's business. This is unfair criticism based upon lack of understanding. Those who, from long acquaintance with the Far East and personal knowledge of the working of the Foreign Office, are qualified to speak with authority, know very well that the branches of the China Association do excellent work in matters which would otherwise be pigeon-holed, or at all events, not receive their due measure of attention. This useful, and by

no means thankful, work is done by the members of the Association without any hope of reward except the consciousness of self-imposed duty performed. When the Foreign Office begins to understand the true importance to British interests of the matters it now treats with more or less indifference the necessity for an unofficial advisory body may cease to exist. But there is very little prospect of such a drastic reformation taking place in the Foreign Office in our time and consequently we hope to see the China Association continuing its good work and cordially wish that it may grow in numbers and influence.

The Chinaman is viewed from many standpoints in this world, and the light he is regarded in only depends upon the country he is observed from. In America, he is a chameleon in his characteristics if the newspapers can be accepted as judges. A paper in Tennessee—the State where the song says good old golf reposes—called the "Southern Lumberman," utters the allowing piece of wisdom:—"In many respects the Chinese are the wisest people in the world. They have lived and multiplied, whilst other nations have risen, fallen and passed away. In China grocer ranks higher than a great actor, higher than a soldier, or a politician. The Chinese recognize that a grocer provides the wherewithal to live. He sells foodstuffs, and the comfort of many rests in his hands. He is an important factor in the welfare of a nation." No doubt! And this from a Nebraska paper, the "Bentley Express."—A Chinaman in San Francisco died from the shock of being called a liar by the president of the Wong Wo association. Disclaiming guilt of falsehood, the sensitive Mongolian fell dead. We have yet to see the Celestial who has lived in San Francisco more than a few hours who would turn a hair on being bowled out in a crammer, much less drop dead. There are, of course, many Hongkong natives who would promptly pass over to the great majority if it were even insinuated that they juggled with truth. But Hongkong is not Frisco.

The advent of Socialism as a practical issue, which has aroused so much perturbation at home, has had one good effect. We learn that the Labour Party has been split into Socialists and anti-Socialists. There is an old saying that, when a certain class of men falls out, another and more meritorious class gets its due. Without going so far as to say that the members of the Labour Party in Great Britain should be classed with those whose falling it is not to be able to distinguish between the property of others and their own it may be anticipated that the British public as a whole will profit by this division in Labour's ranks. The Labourites who are not Socialists will, in all probability, become merged in the Radical wing of the Liberal Party while the more conservative section of the Liberal Party will be drawn into the ranks of the Unionists. Thus the two historical parties will benefit at the expense of the Labour Party, the greater gain being naturally to the Unionists. But apart altogether from the effect that the Labour split will have upon the political prospects of the two great parties the weakening of the dangerous element which has so recently been introduced into the House of Commons will tend to quieten the alarm that has been created in so many quarters. We have always expressed the belief that the majority of British workmen had too much common-sense to be misled for long by the empty promises of the Socialists. Justification for that belief is found in the cable report of the break-away of a considerable number of the Labour M.P.'s from their organization upon its declaring straight out for Socialism.

Born down into one word, the happy and successful life is "wholesomeness." Imperial Drought Beer is wholesome. Adv.

THE BEST IS ALWAYS CHEAPEST. In buying medicine, a few pence from each bottle is no inducement to the buyer. He wants that which is most effective, as it is cheapest in the end. This is why Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is so popular here. It is guaranteed to do all that is claimed for it, and its cures of coughs, colds and croup are always satisfactory. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German Mail of the 31st, December was delivered in London on the 29th inst.

On the share market business was brisk to-day, there being particular inquiries for Steamboats, Unions, Banks and Lands.

The charge of desecrating the late President Kruger's grave, preferred against certain Imperial military officers, was withdrawn on Jan. 5.

The Tokyo "Jiji" warns Japan against ignoring the rumours of misconduct against Japanese officials in Korea and demands the readjustment of official discipline there.

On Jan. 11 the butler's pantry at Buckingham Palace caught fire owing to an explosion of methylated spirits. Thirteen fire engines were promptly on the scene but the Palace servants suppressed the fire.

At the Police Court yesterday Chan Mi and Wong Tse-lau were indicted on the charge of murdering one, Chau Tai-tai, at Praya East, and on a second charge of being unlawfully armed with weapons and with stealing goods and chattels to the value of \$25. The hearing was adjourned.

Peru will welcome Japanese immigration. The American Emigration Co. has been permitted by the Tokyo Foreign Office to send one thousand labourers to that country by its own steamer, the Iku-kushima-maru. The Meiji Emigration Co. is also allowed to raise 500 emigrants for Peru, who will be sent by a South American liner of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

Says the "Lincoln (Nebraska) State Journal": "Somebody should carry the news to Peking that an American in America has been sent to prison for life for killing a Chinaman in America. When an American in China suffers at the hand of a Chinaman the offender is punished. That this would be done without the potential influence of an American fleet cannot certainly be proved. The Omaha jury that found Humphrey guilty and fixed the penalty was under no coercion. Voluntary justice stepped across race lines.

There was an element of romance in the late Lord Kelvin's second marriage. The story is worth telling. It was at the Canary Islands that the great scientist met his bride-to-be, and her apparent interest in scientific pursuits drew them quickly together. The scientist went to great lengths to unfold a new system of signalling, and as he said good-bye to the lady on the bridge of his yacht on leaving, he looked at her and smilingly said: "Do you understand the system now?" "Oh, yes," replied his lady friend, "I am sure I understand." "Then," said the scientist, "watch the vessel as it disappears from view, and I will flash you a message." The message was, "Will you be my wife?" The lady's reply the world knows.

This paragraph from an Indian paper may find application in other parts of the British Dominions: "There is a certain class of official in this country, which unhappily still preserves an attitude towards the press which is almost antediluvian in character. This does occur among the highest officials in the land, and we are glad to take this opportunity of expressing an appreciation felt, not only by us, at the accessibility of the higher officialdom. But it is still true that a degree of suspicion and reticence exist in lower grades that would be unbelievable save to those who have had personal and unpleasant experience of it. Considerations of public interest or necessity are overridden by individuals who would apparently live more comfortably in the middle ages than in the present day.

The many friends of Mr. W. T. Payne, the popular manager of the C. P. R. Co. in Japan, says the "Japan Gazette" of Jan. 20, will be pleased to hear that he has been highly honoured by H.I.M. the Emperor who has been pleased to confer on him the Fourth Class Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of his services to the country. Mr. Payne has been associated with the C.P.R. in Japan for over 20 years, at first at Kobe and from 1896 as manager at Yokohama. He is now leaving Japan in consequence of promotion in the service of the Company and will proceed to Vancouver by the Empress of India on the 23rd inst. He will act as the Company's general representative in Vancouver. Not only has Mr. Payne been honoured by His Majesty but many of the Japanese nobility have favoured him with presents and marks of their esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Payne will have the good wishes of all in Japan who know them both for a pleasant journey and for a bright and happy future.

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THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

Kwangtung's Contribution.

The native officials of Canton are struggling to get the money to pay off another instalment of the indemnity from the Boxer movement to Great Britain and Germany. She does not find it very easy to get the money together. The winter call this time amounts to 25 lacs of dollars. To get this sum four different funds have to be drawn upon.

The Provincial Treasurer and the Salt Commissioner have just advised the Viceroy that they have once more collected the sum. The land revenue has furnished the largest share. Then comes the ordinary taxes, by which is meant presumably the ordinary income from the revenue derived from the Customs. Then comes the salt tax, for there was an increased tax put upon salt when this indemnity had to be paid. Lastly the officials themselves have to pay a certain sum. That is, a certain percentage of their salaries, has been earmarked to be devoted to this object until the whole is paid off. So by drawing from these four sources the necessary amount has once more been made up, and the Treasurer has informed the Viceroy that he is ready to send on the money to the bank when the claim is made. In this way the necessary interest will be paid as well as a share of the indemnity, so that as the years pass by the interest will be lessened and so the demand will be less.

NANKEN CLOTH.

Decay of the Fatsan Trade.

The manufacture and preparation of nanken cloth in Fatsan is a very large industry and has in the past been a very prosperous one. There is a loud cry, however, that things are very black, indeed. Two causes are assigned for this depression. The first is that robbers and their depredations have made it difficult for the ordinary trade to go on. But foreign competition has made itself felt. The Chinese more and more, especially the better classes, are beginning to wear foreign made clothes, specially cloths made of wool, and therefore the sales of the native nanken are falling off greatly. It is computed that this year the sales have diminished two fifths, compared with what it was some years ago, and there appears to be little or no hope of any improvement at present. Of course those who want to buy will purchase what is attractive, and as most people think more of their own need than they do of the prosperity of the neighbouring manufacture, in the future even more foreign cloth will be sold, and the trade in nanken will fare still worse. The Chinese should change their tactics and prepare for their own people, if they can, those things that will attract; otherwise they will be left behind.

CHINA'S THEATRES.

The Old Way The More Attractive.

Some time ago some Chinese who had been abroad attempted on their return to introduce amongst their fellow countrymen a better type of staging and a more refined type of acting. In fact the prime movers of the departure desired "to elevate the stage." The enthusiasts, however, did not find things very easy, and gradually they have drifted back into the old ways. This drifting has, however, been gradual, and it has never met with the hearty approval of the supporters of the new way. Hence there has come a time when a halt has been called. Another step is to be taken—rather another attempt is to be made to elevate the theatre and to bring the Chinese up to the point of appreciating and enjoying a better stage and better acting. The movers in this attempt have asked those who have sympathy to meet together that the situation may be fully discussed, and if something can be done to mend matters there will be another attempt. No doubt the way is beset with many difficulties. The old way is cheap and the excitement is considerably. There is plenty of noise, and many rough sketches of ancient days and ancient doings, all of which are dear to the Chinese heart. Any more elaborate staging will cost money. Better acting will need a higher type of actors, and these will demand better pay. All this will mean that larger sums will have to be paid by those who patronize the theatre. When plays can be seen for the looking at them, and when everything is free and easy, and, meanwhile quite attractive, there seems to be much difficulty in the way of introducing a higher type of playing and a higher type of actors.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Webb-Treslender Match.

Wellington (N.Z.).—The date of the Webb-Treslender match for the sculling championship of the world has been fixed for February 26, 1908. The event will be rowed on the Wanganui River.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

Amicable Settlements.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)
 LONDON, January 29.

Viscount Hayashi, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, has announced in the Diet that an agreement has been arrived at with Canada in regard to emigration.

The restrictions which had been placed upon the emigration of Japanese to Canada had not affected Japan's national prestige.

The Minister added that a settlement with the United States was in sight.

CRICKET.

The English Eleven.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)
 LONDON, January 29.

The return match between the English Eleven and Tasmania has been stopped by rain and was consequently drawn.

ASIATICS IN AFRICA.

Warning to Natal.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)
 LONDON, January 29.

Speaking at Pretoria, Mr. Smuts said he would not be surprised if the Asiatics in the Transvaal shortly recognised their present position was impossible.

The Government still offered to register the Asiatics if the latter volunteered en masse to accept registration.

The time had come for the rest of South Africa to advise Natal in the strongest terms regarding the necessity of preventing the increase of Asiatics in Natal, otherwise the whole of South Africa would be over-run by these races.

FRANCE.

In the debate on Morocco, M. Pichon said it was impossible to recognise Mulai Haïd: referring to M. Delcassé's speech, he denied that France's alliances and friendships were directed against any Power.

RUSSIA.

The Minister of Communications has introduced a Bill to the Duma for the construction of a second line of the Siberian railway, at a cost of £15,732,000; the first section to be completed by 1911.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

The Canal is reopened to traffic.

CAPE COLONY ELECTIONS.

A Dutch Success.

LONDON, January 28.

In the elections for the Legislative Council at the Cape, the Dutch party has been signally victorious.

A ROYAL VISIT.

LONDON, January 28.

The King and Queen will visit Denmark and Norway in February.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

LONDON, January 28.

The Premier is recovering.

SUSPENSION OF A BANK.

LONDON, January 28.

Owing to a severe run on the National Bank of North America, the Comptroller of Currency has been asked to assume charge. The capital of the Bank is \$2,000,000.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

New Session Commences.

Disorderly Suffragettes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, January 30.

Yesterday the new session of Parliament was formally opened by the King in person.

While His Majesty, accompanied by the Queen, was driving to Westminster some Suffragettes succeeded in getting within four feet of the carriage crying "Votes for Women." The disorderly persons were promptly arrested. The session just opened gives promise of being very sensational. The proposed licensing legislation has aroused the animosity of the publicans, the promise to grant old age pensions has aroused the antagonism of tax-payers generally, and warfare is threatened within the Labour Party, one half of which is repudiating Socialism while the other is bent upon promoting the most active Socialistic policy.

The Irish parties are temporarily united.

THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

In the Bankruptcy Court this morning the Chief Justice (His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott) granted receiving orders to the following:—
Chan Tin Ching; assets about \$9,000, liabilities about \$28,000.
Yat Shing Lung firm; assets \$22,000, liabilities \$50,000.
Tsun Wing, alias Lam Wing Ip; assets \$4,100, liabilities \$42,000.

AN ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Early this morning an ayah residing at 38, Gough Street, had occasion to open the front door, and when she went to close it some minutes afterwards she stated that a man seized her by the throat and threatened to stab her with a knife which he had in his hand if she shouted. People on the floor above were attracted by the unusual noise caused by the struggle, and as they began to stir the man who held her released his hold and ran away. The ayah and other people followed him, calling "stop thief," and a lakong seized the fugitive. He was charged before Mr. H. R. J. Gompertz at the Police Court with armed robbery, and committed for trial at the criminal sessions.

ST. ANDREW'S, KOWLOON.

The Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, held yesterday the Rev. A. J. Stevens (Chaplain) presided. The accounts were presented by Capt. Fielder and showed that the receipts totalled \$2,810.33 and the expenditure to \$2,624.33 leaving a balance of \$185.50. Special mention was made at the meeting of the efforts and gifts of the retiring vestry, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. Mody, "A. H. H." and a few friends whose donations or subscriptions were in anticipation of or in response to the appeal for a Sustentation Fund. Sir Paul Chater was unanimously re-elected hon. auditor and the retiring Vestry, Capt. Fielder, Messrs Eves and Packham were also re-elected. The Chairman, after thanking the hon. auditor and the Vestry for their past services, suggested that the Vestry should make every effort, with himself, to raise \$4,000 or \$5,000 during 1908 to meet needs arising. Thanks were given to Miss Rook for her services as organist and to others who had assisted in various ways.

TIMBER FROM RUSSIAN SIBERIA.

Mr. H. C. Sleigh, shipping agent, of Melbourne, has just returned to the Commonwealth from a visit to Russian Siberia, where, after much negotiation, he has secured from the Russian Government extensive concessions of heavily-timbered country for the Oriental Timber Corporation, Melbourne. A large mill has already been erected by the company on the imperial harbour shore in Russian Siberia, and the company has 500 men employed felling and trimming timber, and also saving large quantities for sale in the East.

A note to the slender person in Imperial Draught Beer.—Adv.

WHY COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

If you would be immune from disease, keep the system healthy. Each successive cold weakens the constitution and renders infectious disease more liable. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure your cold promptly and restore the system to its normal condition. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE SAINAM PIRACY.

Indemnity Fixed.

We understand that the indemnity claimed from the Chinese Government in respect to the piracy on board the Sainam has at last been decided, and that £2000 has been awarded to the widow of Dr. Macdonald. Dr. Macdonald, it will be remembered, was murdered when the Sainam was attacked. It is further reported that £400 has already been wired to Mrs. Macdonald, who is at Home.

A TRUSTEE BANKRUPT.

In the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott (Chief Justice), an application was made by Mr. Davidson (of Messrs Hastings and Hastings) to expunge a proof of debt and transfer monies, in re Kwok Pui Chi's bankruptcy.

His Lordship—What debts do you want to expunge?
Mr. Davidson—There are a number of debts all of the one class; debts proved against the bankrupt as the promoter of a money loan association. Since that time there has been a decision given in the Summary Court that these monies which are in the hands of the debtor are trust monies and belong to the promoter as trustee. Therefore the remedy of the creditors is a personal remedy against the bankrupt and not against the trustee.

His Lordship—Was the bankrupt trustee of this association?
Mr. Davidson—Yes.

Mr. R. D. Atkinson (of Messrs Duncan, Lockyer and Deacon) said he appeared for two proved creditors who were at present in Canton. The letter dated yesterday giving notice of this application was given to him this (Thursday) morning. As it was impossible to get instructions from his client in time he wished an adjournment until they returned.

His Lordship (to Mr. Davidson)—Give me some authority for your application. What is your reason for saying you cannot claim because the man is trustee?

Mr. Davidson—That was the ground of the decision in the Court below. Because he was trustee we had no claim at all against him.

His Lordship—I don't quite follow it. What was the action?

Mr. Davidson—The action was an action by the trustee in the bankruptcy (Mr. C. F. Dixon) against a person who was indebted to the bankrupt as promoter of a money loan association.

His Lordship—By the trustee?

Mr. Davidson—The action was brought by the trustee to recover a sum owing by members of this money loan association to the bankrupt as promoter of the association; and the question was whether the trustee in bankruptcy had any right to sue at all.

His Lordship—You say if a man is bankrupt the people for whom he is trustee cannot put him into bankruptcy?

Mr. Davidson—If a trust, they are only entitled to trust monies; they have no claim at all against the private estate of the bankrupt. Their proper remedy is an action for accounts.

His Lordship—The Court has held that it won't presume fraud against a trustee if he has enough money in his hands belonging to the trust.

Mr. Davidson—He should prove himself as trustee of the money loan association in his own bankruptcy. The beneficiaries in an ordinary trust could not prove in a trustee's bankruptcy.

His Lordship—No, because they are entitled to absolute priority. How much money has the trustee received from the trust?

Mr. Davidson—I think \$400 have been paid.

His Lordship—What are the assets?
Mr. Davidson—\$7,000.

His Lordship—The best thing is to strike the \$400 out of the \$7,000.

Mr. Davidson—This application asks your Lordship to make an order for the transfer of monies paid by the association to the bankrupt's private account.

His Lordship—The only order I can make is that the trust accounts be severed and specially dealt with, and all necessary monies be provided out of the estate. The accounts can be met out of the trust fund and submitted to the trustee.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 30th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen generally, except in E. Japan, the fall being a rapid one over China, particularly on the E. coast.

A depression, very much elongated in N. and S. direction, is lying over the E. coast of China and the Formosa Channel. It will probably move to the N.E. over the Eastern Sea.

The wind will probably freshen considerably from the Northward in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.28 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICTS.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. winds, probably freshening; squally, rainy.

2.—Formosa Channel: Variable to N. winds, moderate to strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoo: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

READING is good, seeing is better, but drinking Imperial Draught Beer is best. Try it.—Adv.

BEWARE OF PNEUMONIA.

If you have weak lungs, you have reason to fear pneumonia, and should keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SPORTING.

Training Notes.

More rain and lots of slush and fewer early risers round the rails at the Valley this morning. Though the course was exceedingly wet there was no wind, and consequently the gallops were faster than would have been expected. Mystic's mile and a quarter was the best performance of the morning.

The following are the times taken:—

Lowlander, one mile, last three quarters, 35, 1.09, 1.44.

Fleetfoot, one mile and a quarter, (Dulianee joined in at last 2) 30, 1.10, 1.46, 2.24, 2.50.

Pilgrim, one mile, 36, 1.00, 1.43, 2.16.

Rubber Tree, one mile and a quarter, last mile, 35, 1.15, 1.51, 2.22.

Baluchie Chief, one mile and three quarters, 33, 1.10, 1.53, 2.28, 3.05, 3.40, 4.12.

Sunlight, three quarters, 32, 1.00, 1.42.

Diamond and Freeholder, one mile, 35, 1.03, 1.45, 2.17.

Chanticleer, one mile and a half, 41, 1.22, 2.00, 2.37, 3.13, 3.45.

The Ditch and Pat, one mile, 35, 1.10, 1.43, 2.18.

Mystic, one mile and a quarter, 35, 1.08, 1.44, 2.18, 2.49.

Palm Tree, one mile and a quarter, 40, 1.17, 1.54, 2.31, 3.01.

CHINA.

Japanese Interport Matches.

Teams representing the Japanese community in Canton have arranged to play baseball and tennis with teams representing their compatriots in Hongkong, the former taking place on Queen's Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, on the 2nd prox. (Chinese New Year's Day) at 2 p.m. and the latter in the compound of the China Sugar Refinery Works, East Point, on the following day at 2 p.m.

Lawn Tennis.

At the Kowloon Cricket Club Lawn Tennis Tournaments are now commencing. Below are the draws in the first rounds of the Singles and Mixed Doubles Handicaps. The gentlemen's doubles will be played on the American Tournament system, each pair playing each other pair the best of 13 games. The entries in this event are: Clelland and Ritchie, Green and Millar, Lapsley and Meng, Mead and Cheo, Jeffries and Libaud, Edwards and Fowler, and Pelling and Clements.

Mixed Doubles (Handicap) 1st Round: Mrs. Tarrant and Miss Lapsley Miss Logan and Meng; and Miss Hollar and Macdonald play Mr. and Mrs. Purvis; Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Lapsley play Mrs. Plummer and Mr. Wolf; Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Edwards play Mr. and Mrs. Beussville; Miss Cheo and J. Mead play Miss Parker and H. Clements.

Mrs. Smyth and Mr. Libaud, Mr. and Mrs. Cheo, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland draw byes in this round.

Singles Handicap, 1st Round draw: Kinnear play Schuler; Purvis plays Jahrand; Cheo plays Edwards; Green plays Clelland; Fowler plays Jeffries; Mead plays Lapsley.

Pelling and Miller draw byes and meet in the 2nd round.

Players are reminded that the ground is open daily and it is desired that they will make arrangements with their opponents to play their games as early as possible. The handicaps are posted in the clubhouse.

Interport Hockey.

HONGKONG V. CANTON.

The following will represent Hongkong against Canton on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. and Monday at 2.30 p.m. at Canton, playing in white:

Lt. Florde, R. N. (Goal); H. Boyer and Lt. Isaacson, R. N. (Backs); E. Gaster, C. Bulmer Johnson and T. C. Gray (Capt.), (Halves) S. F. Ricketts, S. B. Stuart, R. N., F. V. Kirwan, A. S. C. R. O. Hutchison and C. P. Chater (Forwards).

The team leaves to-morrow evening at 9 p.m. per Pawan, returning on Monday afternoon from Canton.

Berths for the team have been booked and may be obtained at the Steamboat Company's office, Hotel Mansions.

THE MENACE OF JAPAN.

A Burma Paper's Views.

There are still those who regard Japan as a sort of unquenchable Nemesis. The "Burma Echo," referring to the exclusion policy of some British colonies, says: "We will not waste time uselessly in discussing the 'gall' of the Australians, or the 'staggering' policy of South Africa, and what everyone is saying about it; and we will turn to what will most likely happen in a few more weeks. Japan, having withdrawn her Ministers from Canada and from the United States, will proceed to offer terms, which the Canadians will accept as being perfectly fair dealing, and which the Californians and the States of the Union on the Pacific coast will reject, while the rest of the U. S. A. may decide to agree with Canada's view of disavowal; and either the United States of America will be plunged into another Civil War, or the Japanese will proceed to form a colony in Western America, in which the Negroes of North America will sympathize with the Japanese. We shall soon see that Japan will act promptly and decisively in the position in which she finds herself—that is, as the oldest nation in the world, standing at the head of the nations of Asia; and although many persons may not appreciate the methods of the Japanese, they nevertheless will allow that these methods are perfectly adequate for the purpose intended, and singularly effective when applied."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Special London Letter.

(From Our Sporting Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 17.

A Rowing Question.—There are probably few sportsmen who have not heard something of the trouble created by the Henley Regatta's decision to allow foreign rowers to compete at the 1908 regatta. A lot of misunderstanding has arisen in connection with this, so that a brief reference to facts may be in order. Firstly, the resolution of the Henley stewards not to accept foreign entries for next year's regatta was passed before the decision of the 1907 fixture; secondly it was done with the laudable idea of not wishing to detract from the Olympic regatta to take place at Henley a little later. Then the talk of the stewards desiring to keep away foreign crews because the Belgians have won the grand challenge cup two years in succession is absurd, as the regatta will again be open for all genuine amateurs who conform to Henley requirements in 1908. All the outcry has arisen because "the man in the street" argues it is unfair and unportmanlike to prevent the Belgians defending the cup they hold.

Before the Belgians won last year they knew all about the Henley stewards' resolution, and were quite satisfied to reserve their efforts in 1908 for the Olympic regatta. The president of the Belgian Rowing Federation has made this quite clear in a recent letter, so there is really no need to make any fuss. If the Belgians wish to defend their title and if Henley stewards were not willing to welcome them the matter would be quite different. The stewards were entirely within their rights in deciding not to accept foreign entries for 1908, but this would not affect the Belgians as holders of the grand challenge cup. The holders of a title or trophy are not called in to enter at all. It is the challengers who must put that. Naturally the holders of a trophy when a team or crew have to submit the names of the men who will defend the honour but entering in the ordinary way is not required. This question was once raised in connection with the holder of some athletic championships who presented himself at the meeting for the purpose of defending his title without having entered in a formal manner. In championships and challenge cup contests it is the custom to print the name or names of the holders on the programme, and if he or they turned up to defend the honour without having given due notice it would not detract the holder or holders from competing. If the Henley stewards, or any other body decided otherwise they would not only show bad sportsmanship but also lay themselves open for an action of law.

WORLDLY WISE TALK.—An American paper recently stated that England was making the world for athletes to beat the Americans at the Olympic games of 1908. Most keen sportsmen would be delighted if our sporting bodies showed some inclination to take over England for athletic talent in view of next year's big fixture. So far no official announcement has been made as to what has been done to regain our lost athletic supremacy. It is understood that a trial meeting will be held for the purpose of selecting our representatives, but this is not enough. We want dozens of trial games as discus throwers, javelin throwers, rope climbers, wrestlers, weight lifters, etc., are not developed without constant practice. Our runners we know and there will not be much difficulty in making selections in this department, save for the Marathon race. This comes under another heading entirely, and between now and next April trial races should be held by the Northern, Midland, and Southern counties, cross-country associations, and the Irish, Scotch, and Welsh associations. After this a further trial ought to be held in which the leaders in the sectional trials alone should be allowed to take part. Were this plan adopted it is quite possible some quite unknown talent would be discovered, and our chances of winning the chief event of the games thereby increased. It is certainly more than strange that though four races have now been decided, no Englishman has yet scored.

FOOTBALL.—The form of the New Zealand Rugby men is certainly puzzling, as following a defeat (3 points to 4) by Halifax the visitors well beat Yorkshire, 23 points to 4. Turning to Rugby Union games the success (5 points to 0) of London over the West of England in the International trial completely astounded the experts, as the London forwards were easily the better. The Army and Navy match at Queen's Club was a splendid one and the robust tackling of both sets of backs made the old school rejoice. Last year the Navy won by 16 points to 14, but this time the sailors were much the better and proved successful by 15 to nil. The winners were represented by two internationals, and the losers by six. The tours of Oxford and Cambridge fiftions since the Inter-Varsity match have led to some surprising results. Both Dublin University and Monaghan beat Oxford 13 points to 8 and 6 points to nil, though the dark blues managed to dispose of the North of Ireland 13 points to 1. On the other hand, the Cantabs have scored over Edinburgh ward (5 points to 3) the Rest of Scotland 14 points to nil, and Edinburgh Academy by 35 points to 8, thus during their tour the light blues have won four matches and scored 69 points as against 20 by their rivals, while Oxford's record reads 2 wins, 2 defeats with a total of forty points for and 22 against.

SOCCER.—Hopes teams fared badly in first league games on Saturday, and only four won outright. Chelsea furnished the surprise of the day by visiting Preston North End and winning by four goals to two, which meant a jump up the table from nineteenth to fifteenth place, and greatly improved the prospects of the southerners holding on to the first division. Manchester United fell from grace somewhat by only drawing (1-1) on visiting Notts county, the first draw of the season for the leaders. Sheffield on Wednesday improved the opportunity by picking up both points on entertaining Bolton, still Manchester United holds a lead of five points, which is a big one with the season half over. The fight of quite another character is taking place in the Scottish league and there is really nothing in it among the top teams. Dundee and Falkirk with 30 points for 18 games, and Falkirk with 26 to 18 engagements. The Dundee men lost their slight advantage through only being able to draw on visiting Morton, while Falkirk vanquished Hearts of Midlothian, the Hearts going down on their new ground.

BOXING.—The recent Burns v. Moir contest and others that are on the tapis have caused sportsmen all over the world to pay increased attention to the "noble art." On this account a brief reference to what can justly be termed the headquarters of boxing may be in order. The National Sporting Club was founded by the late James Fleming in 1891, Mr. A. F. Bellinson, the present manager, being associated with him. The building, however, has a very much older history, and a stone which forms part of the club house bears the date of 1830. It is also noteworthy for the fact that it was the scene of the first Cabinet Council ever held, this being in 1696. It is also interesting to recall that the staircase in the hall once formed part of the Britannia, the flagship of Admiral Russell at the battle of La Hague in 1692. It will thus be seen that the modern National Sporting Club has some real links with the past.

Though a postless ring is not used at the National, the view of the onlookers is not impaired to any extent, owing to the capital situation of the platform in the pretty little theatre where the contests are decided. Further, as the ring is seldom more than sixteen feet, only four corner posts are required. The floor of the ring is also padded, so as to guard against a competitor being injured through violent contact with it. It may be news to many to know that all contests at the National Sporting Club are decided under special rules and the object of some of them are self evident. For instance, no one is allowed to enter the ring without first undergoing a medical examination, and Mr. Bellinson is strongly opposed to matches in which a man has to reduce himself excessively, which means weakness. All contests are decided strictly on points, and a significant clause of rule five is that if one competitor attains such a lead at the end of any round that his rival cannot possibly make up the leeway (5 marks in each round are the maximum) he shall at once be declared the winner. All this goes to show that the club rules are framed with the idea of fostering scientific boxing and not mere brawling.

Many famous contests have been decided at the Covent Garden establishment, and perhaps the Jackson v. Slavin "go" in the first season of the club deserves to rank first. Promoting big contests, however, is not the only mission of the executive, and the holding of novice tournaments, with the idea of nurturing new talent, is a policy deserving of all praise. Army and Navy boxers have also been splendidly catered for at the National, and last April a soldiers' and sailors' tournament was promoted, which took four evenings to decide. Another will be held next March and the venture is likely to become an annual one of great importance.

Boxing is not the only game which finds favour at the club, and several big billiard matches have been decided there. Nor is this all, and one recalls with pleasure how concerts etc., have been promoted for the benefit of Charing Cross Hospital, the "Refugee" Children Christmas Dinner Fund and other charities.

Any reference to the National Sporting Club would be incomplete without a word or two about the manager, Mr. A. F. Bellinson, and to whom the writer is indebted for several of the details mentioned. He succeeded to full responsibility on the death of Mr. Fleming in Nov. of 1897 and his popularity was fully testified to by the crowded state of the theatre on the night of his last benefit.—December 16, Mr. Bellinson, who is known to his intimates as "Peggy," undeniably the game from A. to Z. as well he might, seeing he won the light weight boxing championship for amateurs in 1882.

WRESTLING TACTICS.—George Hackenschmidt has been a popular idol in England for some time, but his greatest admirers must have felt sorry to see him not the representative of Zhyzeco to talk over a match. People behind the scenes feared he would not take on Zhyzeco, and when he absolutely refused to make a match, save in the catch-as-catch-can style, it came as no great surprise. It was an open secret, however, when Zhyzeco's representative (once Hackenschmidt's manager) astonished everyone by agreeing to take the Russian on at his own terms. Hackenschmidt made his reputation as a Graco-

Roman wrestler, and his first match against Madrali was in this style, so that he is quite au fait at the game. Zhyzeco, however, is purely a Graco-Roman wrestler and yet he has undertaken to learn catch-as-catch-can methods for the purpose of trying conclusions with Hackenschmidt in six months' time. His pluck does him credit, but it is certainly a risky venture. In the meanwhile Hackenschmidt is to take on Rogers, though there are other catch-as-catch-can records. The latter, by the way, did not turn up at the Pavilion to try to earn that £200 for standing off Zhyzeco for fifteen minutes, as his manager said he would do.

SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

Policing Arrangements.

It has been decided and announced that the entire control of the Japanese police in Manchuria shall be henceforth in the hands of the Governor-General of Kwantung instead of being divided as hitherto between him and the railway authorities. This change is said to have greatly perturbed Chinese local officials: they had hoped and endeavoured to obtain the transfer of police control to their own hands, but not only is that hope now disappointed but also the authority of the Japanese Governor-General is considerably extended. The Chinese are not altogether satisfied with the treatment their nationals receive at the hands of the Japanese police, and their uneasiness on this occasion is not inexpressible. On the other hand, it could scarcely have been expected that so long as the railway is in the hands of its Japanese lessees they would consent to surrender the important function of policing it.

PRESERVING THE STREETS.

Experiment at Bangkok.

This may interest the authorities. It is from the "Bangkok Times."

The Sanitary Department has for some time past been endeavouring to solve the dust problem in Bangkok, and shortly a new preparation will be tried which promises to be most effective in getting rid of dust and also preserving the road surface. The increase of motor traffic has rendered the problem more acute and it is quite time that some measures were taken to deal with a nuisance which is productive of great annoyance and which is also a menace to health. The new preparation "Ermanto" which will be tried over a stretch of road, is highly spoken of and the result of the trial will be watched with interest. It may be mentioned that Messrs Howarth Eschke Ltd. are the agents for the preparation, of which only two tons suffice to treat one mile of an 18-foot road.

JAPANESE PRINCE IMPERIAL.

To Visit Europe.

It is stated in Tokyo that the Crown Prince intends to visit America and Europe in the summer of this year. The "Asahi" says that the intention of His Highness was adopted some years ago but in consequence of various circumstances the proposed visit was put off. The health of His Highness has greatly improved since his visit to Korea last autumn, and he is reported to have decided to avail himself of the present favourable opportunity to make a tour abroad. Prince Ito, Resident-General, now in Tokyo, advised His Highness to secure Dr. Baetz, honorary professor of the Imperial University, now living in Stuttgart, Germany, to accompany him on the tour. Dr. Baetz attended His Highness for a long time, and the Imperial Court would always be easy if he were with the Prince. As the result of this advice, the Imperial Court sent a telegram to Dr. Baetz, who will shortly leave Germany and proceed to Japan by the Siberian Railway.

THE "DREADNOUGHTS" OF 1907-8.

The three battleships which form the main part of this year's naval programme have not as yet been laid down. The first of the three, according to some reports, will be taken in hand this month at Portsmouth, but there are also rumours that her commencement may be delayed till the New Year. The second of the class is to be begun at Devonport early in 1908, February being mentioned as the date. Tenders for the third have been invited from selected shipbuilding firms, but she is not likely to be laid down till February next, as the money vote for her in the estimates of the current year is exceedingly small. Difficulty in obtaining high-tensile steel appears to be one of the causes of delay in the ships which are to be built in the dockyards.

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THE SHANGHAI FOOTBALL TEAM will be entertained at DINNER on TUESDAY, February 4th, at the Hongkong Hotel, at 7.45 p.m. All Members desirous of being present should notify the Undersecretary as soon as possible.

H. L. O. GARRETT, Hon. Secretary, c/o Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, January 30, 1908. 162

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31

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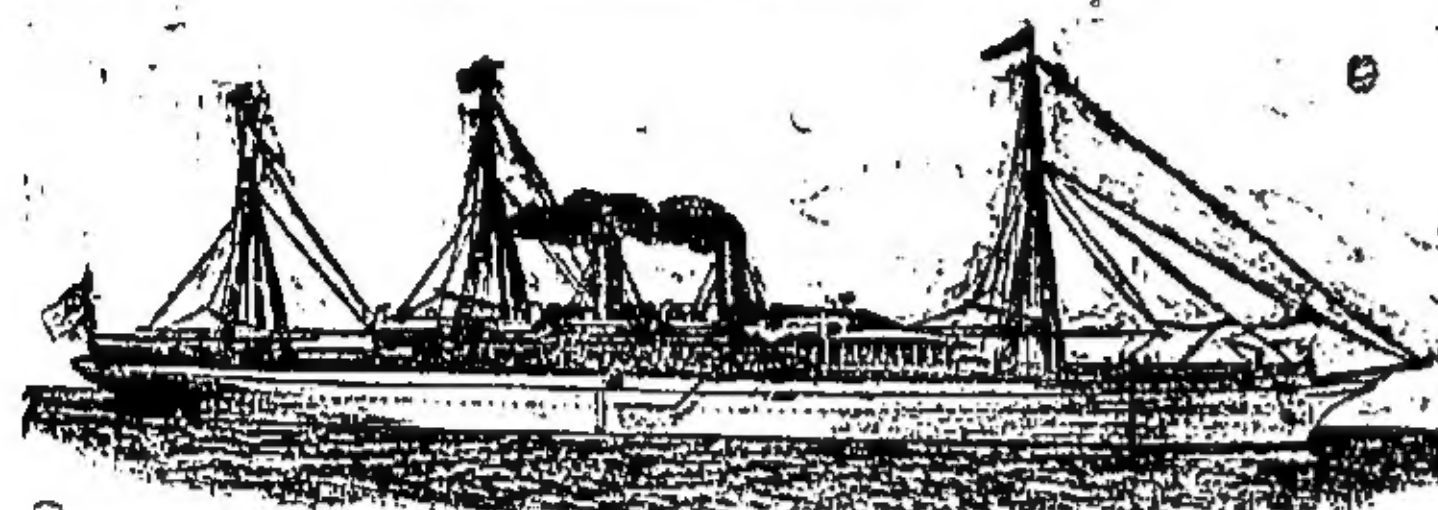
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| SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE. | KUMANO MARU, Tons 5074 | FRIDAY, 21st Feb., at Noon. |
| SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE. | WAKAMIYA MARU, Tons 4723 | THURSDAY, 6th Feb., at Noon. |
| BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO. | AWA MARU, Tons 6308 | SATURDAY, 8th Feb., at Daylight. |
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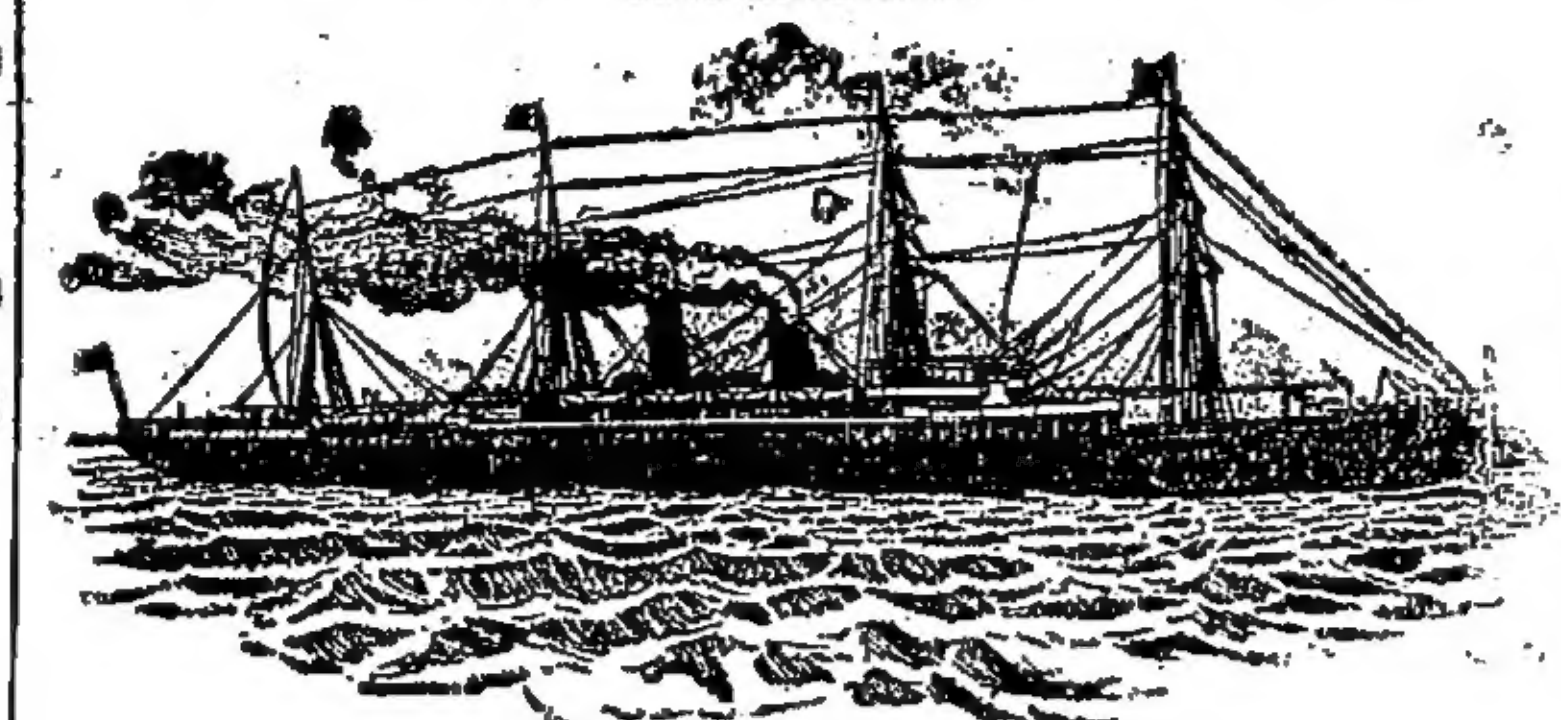
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JAPANESE SUPERSTITIONS.

Dodging The Small-Pox.

The Kobe supplement of the "Osaka Shimpu" says the "Kobe Herald" publishes an interesting account of a curious local superstition regarding small-pox. It appears that at Ichinomiya, the site of an ancient battle-field in Western Suma, there is a tomb of an old warrior by name Atsumori, who is regarded locally as the deity of small-pox. Consequently, since the outbreak of the present epidemic last November large numbers of persons have worshipped at the tomb. The practice is for these supplicants to take offerings of roasted beans wrapped in paper bearing the Japanese calendar name of the year when the worshippers were born. The beans are buried around the tomb and the belief is that if they do not bud the persons concerned will be immune from small-pox for life. As it is hardly in the nature of things for a roasted bean to bud, the result of the offering is doubtless very comforting to the supplicants. Some of the latter, however, throw raw beans on the tomb, and it is said that as much as five bushels of beans have to be cleared away daily. The guardian of the tomb is unable to explain the origin of the practice but maintains that it is very effective. A priest of Suma temple, when questioned on the subject, said that there was a tradition that the place of burial of the head of the warrior would, if worshipped, cure any disease affecting the head. As Feb. 7 is the 720th anniversary festival of Atsumori, it is expected that there will be a great gathering at the tomb on that day.

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Options Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd February, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

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